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Home (Education) **DEPARTMENT.**

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Subject.

Submitting the letter of the Collector of S.Kanara District and the memorial of the Vishvakarma community to be included in the list of backward classes or castes.

Ref. on Cur. **No.** 1796 of 1920.

Station Madras, *Dated the* 21 June 1920.

From (*Name*) Honble Mr. R. Littlehailes, M. A.

(*Designation*) Director of Public Instruction. Madras.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Home (Education) *Department.*

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the enclosed letter of the Collector of S.Kanara together with its enclosures and to suggest that the inclusion of any new community to the list of backward classes or castes may be allowed to lie over to be considered by the District Educational Councils when they come into existence after the Elementary Education Bill is passed and comes into force.

I have the honour to be.
Sir.
Your most obedient servant.

for Director of Public Instruction.

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HOME (EDUCATION) **DEPARTMENT.**

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Subject.

Vishva Karma Community.

Submitting with remarks the memorial from the ------ for the removal of certain disabilities.

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Dis. **No.** 417 D/Rev. 20.

Station Mangalore, *Dated the* 12th February 191/20.

From (*Name*) R. Ellis, Esquire, I.C.S.,

(*Designation*) Collector of South Kanara.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Home (Education) *Department.*

Thro' the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Sir,

In forwarding herewith a memorial of the members of the Vishva Karma Community of this district, I have the --- honour to state that the statistics of persons of this ---- community in public service furnished in paragraph 3(ii) are correct. The Assistant Inspector of Schools estimates the school going population of this community at about 596. The community is on the whole very poor and is really backward in education. It highly deserves to be classed as backward for the purposes of the Educational Rules, but as the ----- Educational Department is already granting stipends freely to deserving students without distinction of class or creed,

I am not prepared to recommend the institution of the special scholarships prayed for.

As regards the relaxation of the orders in regard to - the educational qualifications for admission into Government service, any one who has completed the School Final Course and appeared for the Public Examination is at present eligible -- for an appointment carrying a salary of Rs. 20 and upwards. Any further relaxation on behalf of this or any ~~other~~ particular community does not appear to be justifiabl

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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For Collector.

To

His Excellency

The Right Hon'ble Freeman Freeman-Thomas

Baron Willingdon of Ratton,

G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., G. B. E.,

Governor of Fort St. George.

Humble Memorial of the members of the
Vishva Karma Community of the
South Kanara District.

Mangalore,
Dated the 26th August 1919.

May it please Your Excellency,

The Memorialists most humbly and respectfully beg leave to take this opportunity of Your Excellency's visit to this place for submitting the following few lines for Your Excellency's sympathetic consideration and favourable orders:—

2. The community to which the Memorialists belong is also known by the terms "Acharis," "Panchalas" and "Akkasalis" in this District and consists of five sub classes, viz., blacksmiths, carpenters, braziers, sculptors and goldsmiths. According to the Census of 1911 the District population of this community was 36,276.

3. The Memorialists have, with deep regret, to bring to Your Excellency's kind notice that the number of pattadars of the community, paying an annual assessment ranging from Rs. 30 to Rs. 100 can be counted on fingers' ends, i. e., 10, and the amount due from a solitary pattadar, paying the highest assessment is only Rs. 146-7-0. The *total assessment* due to Government from *all the pattadars* of the community *will not exceed Rs. 2000.*

The community is so unfortunate that it has not yet produced even a single graduate of the Madras or any other University and is so backward in point of education that about 90% of its members is illiterate. It can boast of having as yet produced only half a dozen passed men, viz., 1 F. A., 3 Matriculates and 2 S. S. L. Cs., of whom five are employed in Government Service—one as an acting Tahsildar on Rs. 150 (the highest appointment ever held), one as a teacher on Rs. 50, one as a clerk on Rs. 25 and two as clerks on Rs. 20 each per mensem. In the village and menial services also there are only 2 shanbhogues and 2 dufterbunds respectively.

Not a single member of the community is an Honorary Magistrate, a vakil, a member of the District Board, Taluk Board or Municipal Council, a banker or professional money lender, an incometax assessee, a merchant, or a proprietor or manager of any firm or industry.

4. The status of the community has, during the last four or five ecades and especially of late been ruined owing to the following reasons:—

(*a*) Proportionate increase in the number of goldsmiths on account of—

(i) the adoption of the gold and silver industry by almost all the sculptors and braziers and by a large number of blacksmiths and carpenters of the community and

(ii) the immigration into almost all the nooks and corners of the District of Sonars from the North and Tattans from the South,

(*b*) Want of work on account of—

(i) Monopolisation of the gold and silver industry by the rich shroffs of other communities,

(ii) rise in the price of gold and silver, and

(iii) prohibition placed by Government on the melting of gold and silver coins,

(*c*) Fall of about 50% in the remuneration fees and increased desire for nicety of ornaments *&c.*

(*d*) Public desire for foreign articles of iron and brass and the taking to the iron, brass and wooden industries and sculpture by some of the other classes of thriving people,

(*e*) Abnormal rise in the price of foodstuffs and clothing, and

(*f*) Inability of the members of the community to take up other occupations for want of education, self-help and especially funds.

5. The numbers of persons of the community who pay an annual ofession tax of Rs. 2 and Re. 1, i. e., of persons whose average monthly come is Rs. 60 and Rs. 30 in this Head Quarters of the District are only 1 d 5 respectively and the average earnings of a workman cannot exceed Rs. 10 r mensem. Such being the condition of the community in this town (Head uarters) it may be graciously considered whether the earnings of its members the villages will not be very insignificant.

On the whole they do not possess any ancestral property or fixed urces of income to fall back upon. More-over every workman has a large mily depending upon him and some of the workmen have already contracted ebts. Though for all outward appearance they are considered not to be indigent, *greater majority of the memorialists' community are really too poor to eke out even a nd-to-mouth living and cannot, therefore, afford to give their children even a imary education, the costs of which have risen very high.*

6. A kind comparison of the status of this community with that of e communities already recognised by Government as backward in this Disict will, the Memorialists humbly submit, prove to the satisfaction of Your xcellency that *some of the latter are in a more prosperous and thriving condition an the former in almost every respect.*

Your Excellency will, under the circumstances be pleased to ote that *the community is so poor, so much wanting in influence and self-help and completely on the back-ground of modern education that its advancement is possible ly if the benign Government would extend to it their helping hand.*

7. In conclusion, the Memorialists most respectfully beg to apologise for encroaching on Your Excellency's precious time and solicit that Your Excellency may be pleased to confer on them the undermentioned boons:—

(1) the inclusion of the Memorialists' community among the "Backward Classes" enumerated in the Government Educational Rules and the Grant-in-aid Code,

(2) admission of their youths on Government scholarships into the several schools and institutions of Arts, &c., and

(3) Encouragement in the shape of entertainment of their members into Public service with a reasonable relaxation of the order in regard to the Educational qualifications, and promotions of those already in service.

For which act of benevolence, the Memorialists shall, as in duty bound, ever pray for Your Excellency's long life, health and prosperity.

The Memorialists most humbly beg to remain,

May it please Your Excellency,

Your Excellency's most loyal subjects.

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Signatures	Father's Name	Residence
[illegible]	Bala Subrayachary	Mangalore
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
A. Thimmayachary	Gurvappa achary	Addayar
[illegible]	Bolur Krishnayachary	Bolur
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Karnad Thimmayachary	Mangalore
B. Dasappachar	Son of Narayanachary	Balooka
B. Chandraya	Srivappachary	Do
K. Krishnaya Achary	Narayana Acha	Munnagude
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[illegible]	M. Shankrayachari	Panchmahal.

Signatures	Father's name	Residence
Vasudavachary.	Hovayachary.	Karkal
Venkappachary	Sheshachari	Karkal
Manjunath achary	Thimmayachary	Karkal
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Pejavar Nirgappaya	Pejavar Nirgunachari	[illegible]
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K. Shankrayachari	Koomarachari	Coon
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ORDER. No. 792, dated 8/7/ 192

Mis.

The Collector of South Kanara is requested to inform the memorialists that the question of the inclusion of the Viswakarma community of the South Kanara district in the list of backward classes will be deferred till the Elementary Education Bill now under consideration is passed into law ~~and District educational councils are established under the~~ Act. The Govt. are unable to accede to the requests for the institution of special scholarships for the boys of the community and the relaxation of the rules prescribing educational qualifications for admission to the public service.

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